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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MADAGASCAR

REF: TANANARIVE 1680

1. DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIV HAS ASKED EASUM IF DEPT COULD POSSIBLY BE HELPFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO GET GOMR TO REVERSE ITS REFUSAL OF REQUEST OF MR. AND MRS. JAY MANN FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN MADAGASCAR. THE MANNS ARE PHD CANDIDATES AT BOSTON UNIV. TOPIC OF MR. MANN'S STUDY IS "CONVERSION FROM TRADITIONAL RELIGION TO CHRISTIANITY"; AND MRS. MANN'S IS "ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT." THEIR REQUEST FOR VISAS WAS TURNED DOWN ON BASIS SUCH STUDY IN MADAGASCAR NOT APPROVED. A PROFESSOR AYACHE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MADAGASCAR HAS TRIED TO BE HELPFUL AND IS FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE RE MATTER.

2. DEPT IS AWARE OF MALAGASY POLICY ON FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN MADAGASCAR AND LEAVES IT TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER IT MIGHT APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOMR OFFICIALS ON BEHALF MANNS' DESIRE TO CONDUCT SUCH RESEARCH. SUGGEST IN ANY CASE EMBASSY TOUCH BASE WITH PROFESSOR AYACHE.

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